a seal having a first portion affixed over said top of said lower part and a second portion affixed around said upper part so as to cover said junction, said seal being of a polymeric material and having an annular shape.

- 8. (new) The apparatus of Claim 7, said seal having at least one external peripheral groove formed therearound.
- 9. (new) The apparatus of Claim 7, said seal having a plurality of tongues extending radially outwardly therefrom.
 - 10. (new) The apparatus of Claim 7, said seal being formed of a latex material.